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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "I" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 174, L.D. 235, Bill, "An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage"

Amend the amendment in subsection 1 in the 7th line (page 1, line 32 in amendment) by striking out the following: "\$6.75" and inserting in its place the following: '\$7.25'

Further amend the amendment in subsection 1 in the 8th line (page 1, line 33 in amendment) by striking out the following: "\$7.00" and inserting in its place the following: '\$8.00'

Further amend the amendment in subsection 1 in the 8th line (page 1, line 33 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "hour." the following: 'Starting October 1, 2008 and every October 1st thereafter, the Commissioner of Labor shall adjust the minimum hourly wage by any positive percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from January 1st to December 31st of the previous year. For purposes of this subsection, "Consumer Price Index" means the average over a 12-month period of the National Consumer Price Index, not seasonally adjusted, published monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor designated as the "National Consumer Price Index for All Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers."'

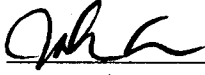
SUMMARY

This amendment provides increases in the minimum hourly wage to \$7.25 and \$8.00 per hour effective October 1, 2006 and October 1, 2007, respectively, and provides that, starting October 1,

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2 2008, and every October 1st thereafter, the Commissioner of Labor
shall adjust the minimum hourly wage by any positive percentage
4 change in the National Consumer Price Index for All Urban Wage
Earners and Clerical Workers in the previous year.

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8 SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative EDER)

10 TOWN: Portland
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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

HOUSE AMENDMENT



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LD 235

LR 0714(25)

An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "I" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Eder

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined future biennium cost increase - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The minimum wage increases in October of 2006 and October of 2007 would have no impact on State employees. However, requiring that the minimum hourly wage be adjusted on October 1, 2008 and every October 1 thereafter by any positive percent change in the Consumer Price Index will result in a future cost to the State as an employer. The amount and timing of the impact can not be determined and will depend on when the increase in the minimum wage results in it surpassing the lowest hourly wage rate paid to state employees.

Additional costs to the Department of Labor associated with adjusting the minimum hourly wage can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.